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"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." —ROMANS 10:1



Letter



Read here what Jews did in the past; it speaks volumes about how we ought to be in the present. —Jeff

July 4th Entebbe Rescue—A Gift From Israel To The World

By Judy Press, www.examiner.com

July 4, 1976 marked the 200th birthday of the United States—the Bicentennial. It was a very special anniversary, and years of planning went into the various Bicentennial celebrations that took place. Unexpectedly however, on that very day, the American people and the world received a special gift from the government of Israel—the triumph of liberty over terrorism—the rescue of the hostages at the Entebbe Airport in Uganda. *(continued p. 2)*



Israeli commandos stage daring raid, rescuing passengers in C-130 Hercules aircraft (below).



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Martyred: 176,000 Christians in 1 year

By Bob Unruh
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Christian martyrdom didn't go away with the Middle Ages according to Open Doors USA, which has combined efforts with The Way of the Master and Living Waters ministries to focus on those who are being persecuted for their faith. An estimated 176,000 Christians around the world were martyred—killed for their faith—from the middle of 2008 to the middle of 2009. That's 482 deaths per day, one every three minutes.

Spokesman Emeal Zwayne said that few Christians in the U.S. are even aware "that so many Christians are losing their lives for their faith. It's as though we

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On June 27, 1976, Air France flight 139 had been hijacked as it flew from Tel Aviv to Paris, after stopping in Athens. The

hijackers were members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and German terrorists. The plane stopped in Libya where it refueled, and then went on to Uganda, where the terrorists had the support of the ruthless Ugandan dictator, Idi Amin. The terrorists separated Jewish from gentile passengers; later freeing the gentile passengers and crew but keeping the Israelis and French Jewish hostages. However, the captain and crew heroically refused their freedom, and remained with the hostages. The terrorists were demanding the release of Palestinians imprisoned in various countries.

On the evening of July 3rd and morning of July 4th, the Israel Defense Forces launched a spectacular rescue mission to Entebbe, freeing the hostages and flying them back to Tel Aviv on C-130 Hercules aircraft. The 8 hijackers were killed; also killed were 3 hostages and one commando—the leader of the operation, **Jonathan Netanyahu**, the brother of current Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Following the operation, 75-year-old hostage Dora Bloch, who had been taken to the hospital earlier, was dragged from her hospital bed and murdered on President Idi Amin's orders.



The dramatic rescue was a huge international story at the time and was talked about for years afterwards. Now, 34 years later, it should not be forgotten. Unfortunately, the free world is still battling terrorism, evil, and ruthless dictators. **The world stood with Israel on July 4, 1976.** If we have the will, those who espouse peace, liberty, and justice will always be vindicated; those who use tactics of terror and revisionism will continue to be the losers. On this July 4th, let us remember the lesson from that other July 4th, 34 years ago. ★



*Moishe Rosen
& wife Ceil*

Moishe Rosen, the founder of Jews for Jesus, went to be with the Lord on May 19, 2010, following a protracted battle with cancer. Few people have done so much, with so little, in such a short period of time. He was a founding father of modern ministry to the Jewish people. Until Moishe, the world thought Jews “converted” from Judaism to Christianity; through his work, the world learned that we remain Jews. Moishe was a giant in the faith and a catalyst for its advancement. He was a spiritual father to many of today’s Messianic Jewish leaders and a great friend to ZLM. Jeff was called into the ministry under Moishe’s ministry and, with Zola, counted him as one of the most significant Bible teachers among modern Messianics. To see Moishe’s tribute page, visit: blog.jforj.com/moisherosen/.



WON BY ONE!

Will you please help us build our army of Jewish-loving, Christian Zionists?

If everyone on our mailing list would speak to one or more like-minded friends, and encourage them to call us at 1-800-WONDERS to request our *Levitt Letter*, we could double our outreach overnight. Please help.

Notify a friend today. Have them contact us today and help us build “an army of one.”

Thanks. — Jeffrey Seif

in the U.S. live in a different world from the rest of the Body of Christ.”

Zwayne said Open Doors has been working “to try and draw attention to the plight of the Persecuted Church, because Scripture tells us to remember those who are persecuted for the sake of Christ.”

Its 2010 World Watch List cited North Korea, which reportedly uses Christians as guinea pigs to test chemical and biological weapons, as the world’s worst persecutor of Christians. Iran, which may be using Christians as scapegoats for internal opposition to its president, is #2. Iran is among eight nations in the top 10 of the 50 worst persecutors of Christians in which *sharia* (Islamic) law is dominant. A total of 35 nations on the list are under some form of *sharia*.

“We can classify that as a growing trend,” Jerry Dykstra, a spokesman for the ministry said. “We’ve seen more countries (on the list) from the Muslim world.”

The World Watch List, detailed at www.OpenDoorsUSA.org, was started in 1991. It seeks to understand the unique persecution fingerprint of each country.

The ranking is derived from a questionnaire of 53 questions sent to Open Doors workers, church leaders, and experts in 70 nations. It examines every aspect of persecution, including the degree of legal restrictions, state attitudes, how free the church is to organize itself, church burnings, anti-Christian riots, and the murders of Christians that make headlines.

Open Doors is positioned uniquely to provide the research as it is the world’s largest mission agency working on behalf of the persecuted, operating in more than 45 countries worldwide.

Iran, at #2, is the highest-ranking nation in the top 10 in which Islam is the dominant religion. Following are #3 Saudi Arabia, #4 Somalia, #5 Maldives, #6 Afghanistan, #7 Yemen, #8 Mauritania, and Uzbekistan, which ranked at #10. Laos, another communist nation like North Korea, is ranked #9.

Open Doors estimates there are 100 million Christians worldwide who suffer interrogation, arrest, and even death for their faith, with millions more facing discrimination and alienation.



With so much bad news in the world, I'm particularly blessed by the good news in the March issue of *Christianity Today*. Timothy C. Morgan wrote that Jesus-believing Jewish and Arab pastors, professors and religious institutions are forging "an exciting new [bridge-building] initiative in Israel." They're bringing Jewish and Arab Believers in Jesus *together*, helping to "make the message of Jesus known and accepted in the same spot where He lived." I rejoice to see God at work in the Land of Jesus' birth.

DeSeifering Our World

By Dr. Jeffrey Seif



Years ago I was asked to help one of the institutions spearheading that bridge-building initiative: the Israel College of the Bible. Recently, Calev Myers encouraged me to connect with the college's director. You've seen Calev (a Jerusalem-based lawyer) on *Zola Levitt Presents*. At his suggestion, I met with Erez Soref, the Israeli-born Messianic Jewish director of ICB. God's way brought me full circle, and I now serve as an adjunct faculty member in Israel's premiere accredited Messianic Bible college. I love to teach the Bible and raise up ministry leaders in the Holy Land—and in the States—who also believe and teach that Jesus is the hope of the entire world.

So far I have served 21 years as a Bible college and seminary professor. With 450-500 students per semester, I've been privileged to lead nearly 20,000 ministry students through the Bible. I retain positions at Christ for the Nations Institute, King's College and Seminary, Messianic Jewish Bible Institute, and the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America. While these duties let me advance the Gospel, they don't compare with the impact of my post with Zola Levitt Ministries.

Years ago, Zola developed the idea to teach the Bible from a *Jewish perspective* on television, *encourage Christians to support Israel*, and *take them there*. The desire to raise that

very same torch—and carry it beyond the classroom, into the homes of millions of people who will never go to a seminary—lives on.

That torch will shine in *For Such a Time as This*, our upcoming television series on Esther. I know Zola is in Heaven's balcony cheering us on. Unfortunately, he isn't in a place where he can send us the hundreds of thousands of dollars we need to put it on the airwaves down here. A Catholic might pray to him and ask him to talk to someone up there on our behalf—Mary, or Jesus, or God the Father. I'm not a Catholic, however, so in addition to my prayers to the Lord, I ask people down here. People like you. If you'd like to help, now is a good time to jump in.



Esther approaches the king

PTL that our fall Holy Land tour is filling up. Please call 1-214-696-9760 to make your reservation *now*. When Mary went to Bethlehem, they told her there was "no room at the inn." We don't want to turn away any last minute travelers for the same reason, so please take the necessary steps today. Call us and secure room for yourself and your loved ones now. See details on page 36.

Your messenger,

Ask the Professor

By Dr. Jeffrey L. Seif

Q Why are Jews so stubborn? Isn't giving up part of Jerusalem a small price to pay for world peace? In a world where we're all asked to make concessions for the common good, you people holding out says more about your nature than about the problem you have with the Arabs. If you'll give up a small piece of east Jerusalem for peace, we all can sleep a little easier.

A Contrary to popular rhetoric, the issue is less about giving up a small portion of Jerusalem than an Islamic interest in usurping all of it. Just last year, Sheik Tayseer Rajab Tamimi, the Palestinian Authority's chief Islamic judge, said "there was no evidence that Jews had ever lived in Jerusalem" and "Jerusalem was never inhabited by Jews" (*The Jerusalem Post*, August 27, 2009). The new revisionist Islamic dogma states that Jews are entitled to none of Jerusalem, and that we Jews are really squatters in our own biblically given capital. The quest to carve up the capital is part of an overall Islamic strategy to destroy Jews.

Jerusalem is mentioned 600 times in the Bible, beginning 2,000 years before the birth of Islam. This means nothing to propaganda spreaders, nor do the numerous archaeological finds that attest to Jewish communities and kingdoms there long before the birth of Islam. In August 2009, Shamekh Alaweh, a lecturer of modern history at the Islamic Al-Quds University, said of Jerusalem: "The Jews are engaging in an attack on history, theft of culture, falsification of facts, erasure of truth, and Judaization of the place" (templemountguide.wordpress.com).

Frankly, I think it's the other way around and that the battle for east Jerusalem is part of that Islamic strategy.

In their book *A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict*, Ian J. Bickerton, Ph.D. (Associate Professor of Middle Eastern History at the University of New South Wales) and Carla L. Klausner, Ph.D. (Professor of the Modern Middle East at the University of Missouri—Kansas City) observed: "[The Palestinian Charter simply] negates Israel's right to exist [at all] and includes the principle of armed struggle in the liberation of Palestine...[and the use of] propaganda" (israelipalestinian.procon.org/view.answer.s.php?questionID=000387).

Would you accept a rowdy motorcycle gang's offer to "give us your teenage daughter, let some of us live in one of your bedrooms, and we won't bother you anymore"? Would you do it for "peace?" Do you think you'd "sleep easier" by acquiescing? Of course not! You'd call 9-1-1 and demand protection! And you'd probably keep a gun close by, ready to defend your daughter's safety and your home. Why do you expect us Jews to do any less?

By the way, **Joan Peters**, who has been a guest on *Zola Levitt Presents*, began as a pro-Palestinian spokesperson. She undertook intensive research for her well-documented book



From Time Immemorial: The Origins of the Arab-Jewish Conflict Over Palestine. She had intended to prove that the Israelis should clear off the Palestinians' land, but to her surprise, her conclusion was upside-down. She reversed course and her 600-page book offers extensive proof that Israel is entitled to even more land than it presently possesses.

From Time Immemorial is available at www.amazon.com. See related story on p.12.

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Q Why does Zola Levitt Ministries use B.C.E. in their Jewish Heritage Calendar? For example, under December 27, 2009 (10 Tevet), it states “Siege of Jerusalem 586 B.C.E.” What happened to B.C.? I can understand atheists, skeptics, and agnostics using B.C.E. But why would a Messianic ministry like ZLM?

Also, why is Christmas not mentioned under December 25? Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day are mentioned under their dates, but not Christmas.

It seems odd that Yeshua, the Christ, is ignored in the Jewish Heritage Calendar of a Messianic ministry.

A The earliest followers of Jesus did not celebrate Christmas on December 25, nor do we modern Believers count time the same way they did. Wanting to respect Western tradition (though they themselves do not use Jesus-centered dates), Jews employ B.C.E. (Before the Common Era) and C.E. (Common Era) in place of B.C. (Before Christ) and A.D. (Year of our Lord). I assure you that a Christian heritage calendar would retain the traditions. But, as you noted, this is a Jewish calendar, so we defer to Jewish terms. We mean no disrespect to Jesus. ★

Obama Losing The G-d Vote

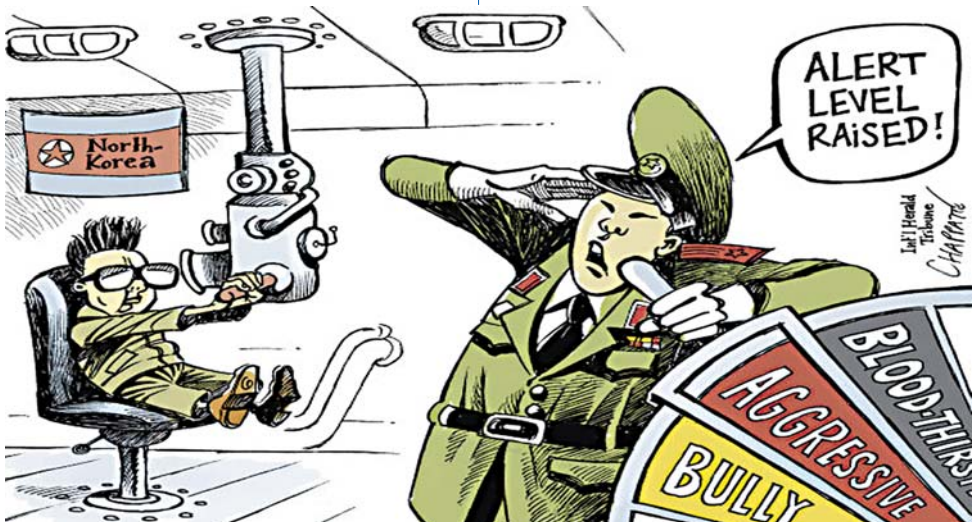
By Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu, IsraelNationalNews.com

Strong signs at the polls show that U.S. President Barack Obama is losing the “G-d vote” as Jewish and religious Christian voters flee, chapter and verse, to the Republican camp. He won more support in the “Bible Belt” than John Kerry did in 2004. Democrats now have a “G-d vote” deficit.

Mark Rozell, professor of public policy at George Mason University, estimates that voters in 2008 “really seemed to understand ‘G-d talk’” through President Obama’s oratorical skills, but his actions now speak louder.

President Obama and his advisors launched a campaign recently to try to reverse the near-zero popularity for the president in Israel and rapidly fading support among American Jews. The split between President Obama and Israel has centered on the Iranian nuclear threat and the Obama administration’s acceptance of Palestinian Authority demands that Israel stop building for Jews in areas of Jerusalem that the PA claims as being part of a new Arab state it wants to create.

Orthodox Rabbi Ephrem Goldberg of Florida said, “Among the rabbis, there is a diversity of those who support the administration policies and feel the message hasn’t trickled down, and those who have problems with some of the policies. ‘It’s easy to repeat the phrases ‘unbreakable bond’ and ‘shared values.’ We want to hear in no uncertain terms that Iran will not be allowed to go nuclear [and] that inevitably there will be an impasse” between the Palestinian Authority and Israel.



How to Avoid Wretched Refuse

There are some who utilize those famous three dots (the ellipsis) for political purposes. Read the poem below, with which you are probably familiar. It is the famous Emma Lazarus verse that appears on the Statue of Liberty and has been adapted for use at Kennedy Airport in New York as printed below:

***Give me your tired,
Your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning
To breathe free
...
Send these, the homeless,
Tempest-tost to me.
I lift my lamp
Beside the golden door!***

Notice anything missing? The dots replace the stirring line *The wretched refuse of your teeming shore*. It seems that the folks at Kennedy Airport would not like to face their more inconvenient responsibilities: the least desirable of incoming immigrants to these United States.

The poem doesn't read right now, since those dots spoil the rhythm. It also no longer rhymes as intended, since the word *shore* is needed to match with *door* in the last line.

And as to *the wretched refuse*, well, they need not apply.

The Jewish Messiah turned away no one, and a country like ours, ostensibly founded on biblical principles, ought to do no less. It is a sin against our Lord, who had time for the blind, the lame, and the lepers by the road, for us to discriminate in this manner. And the wages of our sin will break us.

Some of that *wretched refuse* we would have missed in the past includes Albert Einstein, Alexandr Solzhenitsyn, William Steinberg, Irving Berlin, Henry Kissinger, and thousands upon thousands of scientists, doctors, musicians, artists, professors, entertainers, and just plain immigrant workers who helped build this country. Including my father. ★



Help Replenish Our Missionary Fund

Since March of 2001, this ministry's *To The Jew First (TJF) Fund* has sent 85 volunteer missionaries to Israel. We sent 12 missionaries in 2007, 8 in 2008, 14 in 2009, and 6 so far in 2010. Understandably, the *TJF Fund* is depleted. Would you kindly designate contributions to the *To The Jew First Fund* to help us catch up on the budget for these trips? Thanks in advance for your assistance.



Israel At Sixty Two

The Jewish people have celebrated the Feast of Passover (*Pesach*) every spring for thirty-five centuries, as commanded by the God of Israel speaking through Moses. The great prophet also instructed the people to celebrate the Feast of Weeks (*Shavuot*) exactly fifty days after Passover, meaning the commemoration occurs every year near the end of spring.

All Jewish holy days are celebrated on dates determined by the Hebrew calendar, which is lunar-based. This year Passover fell in late March, and *Shavuot* in mid-May. The Jewish New Year (*Rosh Hashanah*) and the Feast of Tabernacles (*Succot*) will be celebrated in 2010 in September.

The rebirth of Israel in 1948 and the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 led to the creation of several new spring-time Israeli holidays. They are also marked by many Jews living in the *galut* (dispersion) around the world.

The first, *Yom HaShoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day), is not really a holiday, but a rather grim remembrance of the Nazi Holocaust that took the lives of six million Jews, including over one million children, during World War II. It features a sad serenade of air-raid sirens sounded around the Lord's Special Land, with people everywhere standing at attention to commemorate the victims. Political and religious leaders speak at a somber ceremony held annually at the *Yad Vashem* Holocaust Museum, located in southwest Jerusalem.

Exactly one week later, Israelis pause again to mourn the loss of over 22,000 soldiers and many civilians in the various wars and terror attacks that have occurred in Israel, beginning with the War of Independence in 1948. The Hebrew calendar date for the annual Memorial Day (*Yom Hazikaron*) is tied to the May 14/15 solar-calendar

date that marks Israel's re-creation as a sovereign Jewish State, declared by David Ben Gurion in 1948.

In a uniquely Israeli manner, Independence Day (*Yom Ha'atzmaut*) begins at sundown as Memorial Day is coming to an end, almost instantly moving from a solemn spirit of mourning to one of celebratory joy. While some foreign visitors say they find this transition rather abrupt, Israel's founding fathers deliberately established the two days back-to-back so that the nation would recall the heavy flow of blood and tears that led to Israel's reappearance on the world stage after a nearly two-thousand-year absence.



As Israelis prepare to celebrate Independence Day each year, the government releases a series of official statistics that reveal the current make up of the Land. This year, the numbers show that the national population has reached 7,587,000, of which 75.5% (5,726,000) are Jews and 20.4% (1,548,000) Arabs. Nearly 160,000 babies were born in Israel since Independence Day 2009.

The statistics also revealed that over 79% of the country's Jews are native born, with 30% younger than age 14. Over 16,000 new immigrants arrived in Israel during the preceding year. Nearly 5,000 came from North America, ten times the number that moved to the Promised Land just one decade ago. ★

TJF: Mission Report

By Pastor Richard L. Corwin

Our first mission trip to Israel this past March began with a dream that had started in 2005 when I suggested to my wife, Patti, that we take our family of six to Israel within five years. My Beloved humored me with a nod, but it didn't become a possibility for us until we began to watch *Zola Levitt Presents* in 2006. We saw the love Zola had for Israel and heard his call to "come home." Bi-vocational country preachers don't make a bundle, but we spent the next three years saving up for the trip of a lifetime.

Shortly after Zola's passing, his widow, Sandra, came to speak at my country church. With her encouragement, my family boarded the El Al flight for the 2009 summer tour. Our teenagers: Rachel, Rebecca, Deborah, and Micah had the unforgettable adventure of walking where Yeshua walked. **Our homeschooled family reads through the Bible every year and now the pages of Scripture came alive!**

The Bible says if you bless Israel, you will be blessed. Patti and I were blessed to be invited this year to share the love of Yeshua with the people we adore. We were further blessed by Doug and Glenna Byrum, on their seventh trip to Israel. Their knowledge and confidence helped prepare us for our mission trip.

People came up to us on the streets of Tiberias and Jerusalem and asked what brought us to Israel. They appreciated that we were supporting Israel just by visiting. People were most amazed, however, that we had brought our children in 2009. "Why would you choose Israel over Disney World? Why come to Israel rather than Greece or Rome?" They were especially impressed that we ignored the media's hype (for that is all it is—hype) about the dangerous streets of Jerusalem. "Would you bring your children again?" (Yes,



Richard and Timnor

in a heartbeat!) We explained our love for the people of Israel, for the people Yeshua lived, preached, and died for. They wouldn't always take our literature (though we did distribute three bundles of Hebrew tracts), but they were fascinated by (and appreciated) our love for Israel and the Chosen People.

Timnor, a jeweler with a wonderful sense of humor, conversed extensively with us even though country preachers aren't good prospects for diamond sales! We spent the better part of an hour with Mikhail Griver, an Orthodox Jew who made *aliyah* (moved to Israel) from England to study music and hoped to break into the Jewish religious music market.

The seeds are planted. The Lord must do the harvesting. But I now know the heart of the Jewish people and what it means to say, "Next year in Jerusalem!" As missionaries or pilgrims, Patti and I will return. And even if Rachel, Rebecca, Deborah, and Micah are never able to afford another ticket to Israel, one day they will go up to Jerusalem again—this time to the New Jerusalem. ★



Richard and Patti Corwin

ISRAEL'S CONTRIBUTIONS IN MEDICINE

Stress and Fat



By Karin Kloosterman
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Israeli researchers have discovered that high levels of stress activate a gene which affects metabolism and contributes to our cravings for sweet, fatty foods.

Some of us already have an inkling that stress is a factor in many of the metabolic and emotional disorders we see today. It's no wonder that the rates of diabetes, anxiety disorders, depression, and heart disease are at an all time high. And now for the first time, an Israeli team has located a gene in the brain that appears to be triggered by high levels of stress, and causes a series of negative physiological reactions.

In the recent study, researchers from the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot have identified a gene in the brain that when activated causes two very distinct reactions to stress—*anxiety and changes in metabolism*. A protein released by the gene called *Urocortin-3 (Ucn3)* appears to be involved in a cascade of events related to stress and to elicit both *anxiety-related behavior and Type II Diabetes* in animal models.

Study supervisor Dr. Alon Chen, a neuro-endocrinologist at the Weizmann Institute's Department of Neurobiology, says the actions of a single gene in just one part of the brain may be influencing our choice of snacks, contributing to our cravings for food that is fatty, poor in nutrition,

and especially sweet. In essence, stress may be turning us fat.

Until now the lines drawn between stress, appetite and anxiety were pointed out, but never fully explained. This new research may be the important missing link that can help drug developers create drugs targeting stress that could have multiple side-benefits, like preventing diabetes, promoting heart health, and keeping our weight down.

"Stress is good when you need to cope with an event, like when you meet a lion. Your metabolism is changing; you consume more sugars, and more glucose goes to the muscles to help you escape the lion," Chen says.

But it needs to be a fine-tuned response, and an appropriate one. There are no lions running around Wall Street, at least not the furry variety our ancestors met. Says Chen: "The stress response needs to be a tightly regulated system. The genes need to kick in at the right time. If any are not working properly it can lead to psychiatric and metabolic disorders."

At the very least, this protein studied in Israel could be used as a biomarker to tell doctors when stress levels, often a subjective measure, are shooting up too high. Then we'd know that it's time for a vacation. ★

Is stress turning us on to fatty foods? Researchers at the Weizmann Institute in Israel believe they've found out why.



Israel and the Genesis Prediction

By Dennis Prager
article.NationalReview.com

There is a reason tens of millions of Americans support Israel and worry about America if American support for Israel wanes. The reason is based on a verse in Genesis in which God, referring to the Jewish people, says to Abraham: “I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you.” (Genesis 12:3)

One need not be a Jew or Christian or even believe in God to appreciate that this verse is as accurate a prediction of the future as humanity has ever been given by the ancient world. The Jewish people have suffered longer and more horribly than any other living people. But they are still around. Their historic enemies are all gone. Those who cursed the Jews were indeed cursed.

And those who blessed the Jews were indeed blessed. The most blessed country for more than 200 years has been the United States. It has also been the most blessed place Jews have ever lived in. Is this a coincidence? Many of us think not.

Those who curse the Jews today seem to be cursed. The most benighted civ-

ilization today is the Arab world. One could make a plausible case that the Arab world’s preoccupation with Jew-hatred and destroying Israel is decisive in keeping the Arab world from progressing. The day the Arab world makes peace with the existence of the tiny Jewish state in its midst, the Arab world will begin its ascent.

The converse is what worries tens of millions of Americans: The day America begins to abandon Israel, America will begin its descent.

Israel shares America’s values, such as liberty, an independent judiciary, a free press, freedom of religion, free speech, and women’s equality. The Arab and Muslim worlds have none of these. Those facts—and America’s Judeo-Christian roots—make support of Israel, no matter what the Arab and Muslim “street” feels about America, a moral lynchpin of American foreign policy.

In 1968, Eric Hoffer, the longshoreman turned philosopher and author of the classic work *The True Believer*, wrote in the *Los Angeles Times*:

“The Jews are alone in the world. If Israel survives, it will be solely because of Jewish efforts. And Jewish resources. Yet at this moment Israel is our only reliable and unconditional ally. We can rely more on Israel than Israel can rely on us.” ★



And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
 —Genesis 1:24-26

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Compiled by The Simon Wiesenthal Center, excerpted here.

Lie #1: Israel was created by European guilt over the Nazi Holocaust.

Three thousand years before the Holocaust, Israel's kings and prophets walked the streets of Jerusalem. Jerusalem is mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures 600 times—but not once in the Koran. Throughout its 2,000-year exile there was continuous Jewish presence in the Holy Land, with the modern rebirth of Israel beginning in the 1800s. Reclamation of the largely vacant land by pioneering Zionists blossomed into a Jewish majority long before the onset of Nazism.

Lie #2: Had Israel withdrawn to its June 1967 borders, peace would have come long ago.

Since 1967, Israel has repeatedly conceded “land for peace.”

In 2000, Prime Minister Barak offered Yasser Arafat full sovereignty over 97%

of the West Bank, a corridor to Gaza, and a capital in the Arab section of Jerusalem. Arafat said NO. In 2008, Palestinian Authority President Abbas nixed virtually the same offer. In 2005, Prime Minister Sharon unilaterally withdrew from Gaza. Terrorist Hamas took control and turned dismantled Jewish communities into launching sites for suicide bombers and 8,000+ rockets into Israel proper. In 2010, Prime Minister Netanyahu renewed offers of negotiations, but Palestinians refused.

Lie #3: Israel is the main stumbling block to achieving a two-state solution.

The Palestinians themselves are the only stumbling block. While the State of Israel is prepared to recognize all Arab states, secular or Muslim, these states adamantly refuse to recognize Israel as a Jewish state.

Lie #4: Nuclear Israel, not Iran, is the greatest threat to peace and stability.

Though never acknowledged by Jerusalem, it is generally assumed that Israel has nuclear weapons. In 1973, when surprised by the Egyptian-Syrian Yom Kippur attack, many assumed Israel would use nuclear weapons—but it did not. Contrary to public condemnations, many Arab leaders privately express relief that Israeli nuclear deterrence exists.



SHAME ON ISRAEL?

A Palestinian woman holds a picture of her relatives, imprisoned in Israeli jails, during a demonstration in the West Bank calling for their release.

The picture seems to indicate that her relatives were likely imprisoned for more than stealing a loaf of bread.

Lie #5: Israel is an apartheid state deserving of international boycotts.

Israel is a democratic state. Its 20% Arab minority enjoys all the political, economic, and religious rights and freedoms of citizenship. In contrast, no Jew may own property in Jordan, and no Christian or Jew can visit Islam's holiest sites in Saudi Arabia.

Lie #6: Plans to build 1,600 more homes in East Jerusalem prove Israel is "Judaizing" it.

This is a phony issue. New apartments in Ramat Shlomo is not about Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem, but for a long established, heavily populated Jewish neighborhood in Northern Jerusalem.

Lie #7: Israeli policies endanger U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

U.S. General Petraeus has stated he considers Israel a great strategic asset for the U.S.

Lie #8: Israeli policies are the cause of worldwide anti-Semitism.

History proves that Jew-hatred existed on a global scale before the creation of the State of Israel. In 2010, it would

still exist even if Israel had never been created.

Lie #9: Israel, not Hamas, is responsible for the "humanitarian catastrophe" in Gaza.

The UN's misnamed Human Rights Council is obsessed with anti-Israel resolutions and refuses to address grievous human rights abuses in Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, and beyond. Faced with similar attacks, every UN member-state including the U.S. and Canada would surely have acted more aggressively than the IDF did in Gaza.

Lie #10: The only hope for peace is a bi-national state, eliminating the Jewish State of Israel.

In 2010, most Middle East experts believe that the only hope for enduring peace is two states with defined final borders. But current polls show that while most Israelis favor a two-state solution, most Palestinians continue to oppose it.

Read the expanded list and answers at www.Wiesenthal.com/toptenlies.



ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES (IDF) ENGAGE "FREE GAZA FLOTILLA" MAY 31.

Flotilla activists had publicly insisted on their non-violent intentions, however their violent attack on IDF soldiers was clearly premeditated, as seen in this video footage



taken by an IDF naval boat. Flotilla activists had handguns, knives, metal rods, firebombs, and other items ready to use.

*Source: TheJerusalemConnection.us
Internet video capture*

The History of Jerusalem

By Mortimer B. Zuckerman
www.USNews.com



Jerusalem has never been the capital of any political entity except the Jewish State. Jews have been the majority in Jerusalem for the past 150 years. At the time of Israeli statehood in 1948, 100,000 Jews lived in the city, compared to 65,000 Arabs. Before 1865, the entire population lived behind the Old City walls that are today the eastern part of the city. When the city began to expand beyond the walls because of population growth, both Jews and Arabs began to build in these new areas.

Jerusalem lies at the heart of the Jewish nation. Israelis have no intention of ever again being prevented from living throughout the city as they were between 1948 and 1967 when, under Jordanian control, Jewish communities were ruthlessly and violently driven out of areas where they had lived for centuries. Israel has a very different perspective. To Israelis, there is no Jewish Western Jerusalem and Eastern Arab Jerusalem but simply a mosaic of people who are mixed and cannot be separated or divided according to the old 1949 Armistice Line.

Now in the area that is referred to as East Jerusalem, that is, an area north, south, and east of the city's 1967 borders, there are roughly a half a million Jews and Arabs living in intertwined neighborhoods. There are no entirely Palestinian areas that can be split off from the rest of Jerusalem. All neighborhoods are an integral and inextricable part of modern Jerusalem, so building in them in no way precludes the possibility of a two-state solution.

But what the world never remembers is what the Israelis can never forget. When Jordan controlled the eastern part of the city, including the Walled City, the Temple, and the ancient Western Wall, it permitted reasonably

free access to Christian holy places. But the Jews were denied any access to the Jewish holy places. This was a fundamental departure from the tradition of freedom of religious worship in the Holy Land, which had evolved over centuries—not to speak of a violation of the undertaking given by Jordan in the Armistice Agreement concluded with Israel in 1949. Nobody should expect the Jews to risk that again.

Since Israel reunited Jerusalem in 1967, it has faithfully protected the rights and security of Christians, Arabs, and Jews. Muslims have enjoyed the very freedom the Jews were denied under Jordanian occupation. Christians now control the Ten Stages of the Cross; Muslims control the Dome of the Rock. Yet the Palestinians often stone Jewish civilians praying at the Western Wall below. Their leaders and imams repeatedly deny the Jewish connection to Jewish holy sites. Freedom of religion is an American value that should not be compromised.

Read more of this article, including the early history of Jerusalem, at www.levitt.com/news



Dry Bones EUROPEAN THREAT



U.S. Presidents Historically Support Jewish Homeland

By Eli E. Hertz, www.MythsAndFacts.com

Before the Zionist movement assumed concrete form, among the first to express approval of the return of the Jews to Palestine was **John Adams**, the second President of the United States (1797–1801) who wrote to Major Mordecai Manuel Noah, the first American Zionist, in part:

“I really wish the Jews again in Judea, an independent nation; ... I wish your nation may be admitted to all the privileges of citizens in every part of the world. This country (America) has done much; I wish it may do more and annul every narrow idea in religion, government, and commerce.” (1819).

President **Woodrow Wilson** (28th president, 1913–1921) was the first American president to support modern Zionism and Britain’s efforts to create a National Home for the Jewish people in Palestine (the text of the Balfour Declaration had been submitted to President Wilson and had been approved by him before its publication).

President **Warren G. Harding** (29th president, 1921–1923) expressed support for a Jewish home in Palestine: “It is impossible for one who has studied at all the service of the Hebrew people to avoid the faith that they will one day be restored to their historic national home and there enter on a new and yet greater phase of their contribution to the advance of humanity” (June 1, 1921).

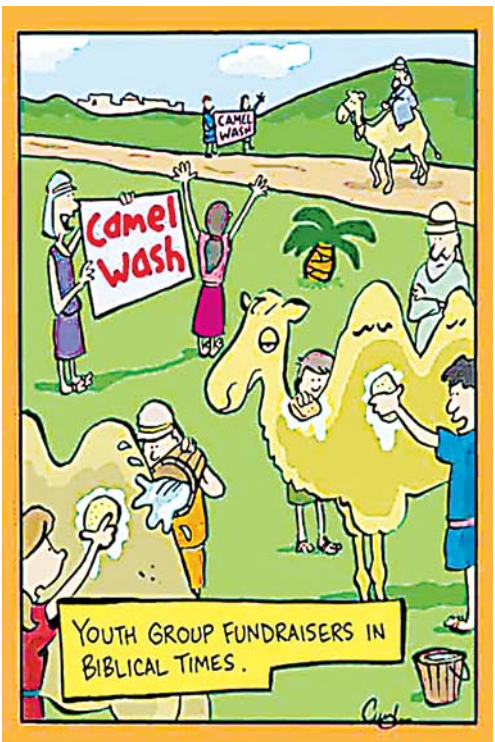
On June 30, 1922, a joint resolution of both Houses of Congress of the United States unanimously endorsed the “establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people,” confirming the irrevocable right of Jews to settle in the area of Palestine—anywhere between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. Harding signed the Lodge-Fish joint resolution of approval to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine (September 21, 1922).

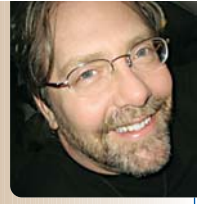
President **Herbert Hoover** (31st president, 1929–1933) stated: “I wish to express the hope that the ideal of the establishment of the National Jewish Home in Palestine... will continue to prosper for the good of all the people inhabiting the Holy Land” (October 29, 1932).

Though not a member of the League of Nations, the U.S. maintained that its participation in WW I entitled the United States to be consulted as to the terms of the “Mandate for Palestine.” The outcome of this request was a Convention [treaty] between the U.S. and Great Britain with respect to the rights of the two governments and their nationals in Palestine.

Upon ratifying the Convention, the U.S. formally recognized the historical connection of the Jewish people with Palestine and the grounds for reconstituting their national home in that country.

Page 9 of the *June Levitt Letter* shows how **Harry S. Truman** (33rd president, 1945–1953) battled his own administration to recognize the newly re-constituted Jewish State in 1948.





First Things First

By John J. Parsons

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One thing I asked from the Lord, that I will seek... (Psalm 27:4)

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I will seek			that		from the LORD			I asked		one (thing)			

If you were to ask God for one thing, what would it be?

In this verse, King David says, “One thing I ask of the Lord; that is what I will seek.” Notice immediately that David asked for *one* thing—not many things. He did not come with a litany of requests. He was not double minded. As Kierkegaard said, “purity of the heart is to will one thing.” David sought the best he could find. He wanted the “pearl of great price.”

The verb translated “I will seek” (*avakesh*) comes from the verb *bakash* meaning “to desire.” The noun form, *bakashah*, means a request (in modern Hebrew the word *bevakasha* means “as you wish” or “you’re welcome”). The verse could therefore be read as, “The one thing I ask from the Lord is that which I will desire.”

This is a prayer for surrender. “Lord, I pray to you not as I understand You, but as You understand Yourself...” The “one thing” that David wanted above all else was to know the Lord—to “behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His Temple.” This is what we need. We need eyes of wonder; we need eyes that are open to the glory and Presence of God—in everything.

Desire itself is a “neutral” thing, of course. “The flesh *lusts* against the spirit, and spirit against the flesh” (Gal. 5:17). Most of us desire things that do not ultimately satisfy us. This is the “default” mode. We settle for trifles. We yield to petty desires that do not quench the eternal thirst within us. We cheat ourselves of the eternal for the sake of the temporal. Kierkegaard calls such boredom the root of all evil. It is the “spirit” of the flesh—the inner restlessness that leads to discontent.

Having spiritual desire is a great gift from heaven, because through it we first realize what we really want. The mark of spirituality is wonder and contentment. The “beauty of the Lord” is to be filled with glory and peace. If we consciously delight ourselves in the Lord, He has promised to give us the desires of our heart (Psalm 37:4). Seek first the Kingdom of God (Matt. 6:33).

May the Lord give us the desire for Him before everything else. Amen.



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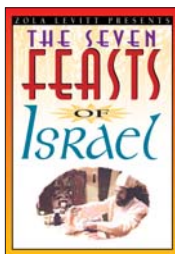
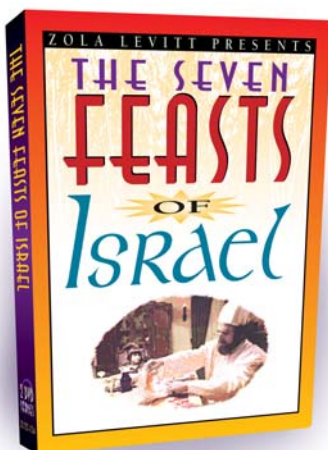
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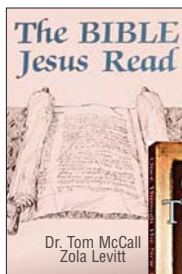
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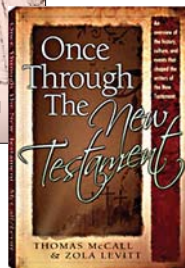
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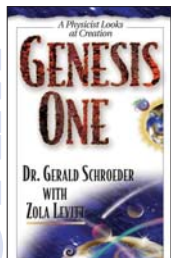
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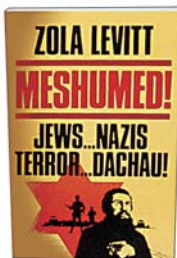
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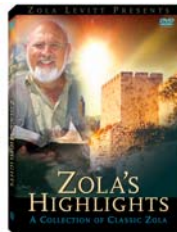
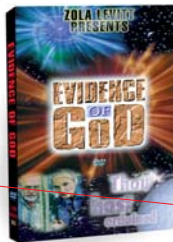


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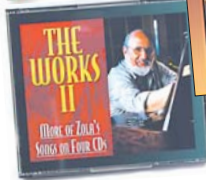
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Rules of Thumb



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Below is the finest secular collection of tips on stewardship that I've seen in a long time, written by Gregory Karp, a personal finance writer for *The Morning Call* newspaper in Allentown, Pa.

Financial rules of thumb can be inaccurate because people's lives differ. But they can help us make difficult decisions or give us benchmarks. Here are a few:

Rule of 10: For perspective on big purchases, think about how you will feel about it in 10 days, 10 weeks, and 10 years. For a luxury car: In 10 days, I'll still be excited about the new-car smell and its nice ride. In 10 weeks, it's just the machine I use to get to work and the supermarket. In 10 years, I'll barely remember this car.

House payment: Your mortgage, including taxes and insurance, should not exceed 29 percent of your gross monthly income.

Car payment: All vehicle payments should not exceed 15 percent of your take-home pay.

Total debt: Total monthly debt payments should not exceed 36 percent of your gross monthly income.

Car repair: If the auto repair costs less than half of the trade-in value, repair it. Otherwise, consider selling it and buying another.

Holiday gifts: Spend no more than 1.5 percent of your gross income on the holidays, including gifts and travel.

Savings: Save 10 percent of your take-home pay. Some would say that should be on top of retirement savings.

Kids' allowance: Give \$1 weekly per grade in school. A fourth-grader gets \$4.

Life insurance (comment from Mark): Term life provides a better value than whole life for disciplined savers.

Restaurant tipping: To quickly figure a generous tip on a bill over \$20, double the first digit on your bill. For bills more than \$100, double the first two digits.

Emergency fund: Keep a rainy-day fund equal to three to six months of expenses.

Debt payment: Pay debts from highest interest rate to lowest...or from the smallest amount to largest.

Mutual funds: Be wary of funds with an expense ratio of more than 1 percent.

College borrowing: Don't borrow more money than you'll make in your first year working after graduation.

Asset allocation: That's how you should split your long-term investing between stocks and bonds. A conservative rule of thumb is 100 minus your age goes in stocks; the rest in bonds. More aggressive is a stock allocation of 110 minus your age.

Organic produce: If it has a thin skin that you eat, such as apples, spend extra for organic. If it has a thick skin that's discarded—say, bananas—save your money. It's about exterior pesticide residue.

Choose experiences: In a choice between spending on things or experiences with other people, choose the latter. Research shows it makes us happier.

Never:

- Carry a credit card balance.
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2. pertaining to the whole Christian Church.
3. promoting or fostering Christian unity throughout the world.



This ministry reminds ALL Christians about their Jewish roots and Jewish Savior, and points Jews to the fulfillment of their prophecies in that Jewish Savior. In this mission we are universal, reaching out to all, and ecumenical. But we do not compromise the Gospel to achieve it, even if we step on sacred toes.

From D.K. (AR): I volunteer at a thrift store. One day I found some *Levitt Letters* in our recycle bin. Having been married into a Jewish family for the past 25 years, I took the magazines home. One word to describe them: AWESOME. I have read them over and over and each time find something that I missed before. How do I subscribe or get some more of the old ones? I have October 2006 through January 2007. Please let me know how to have them delivered to the house. Shalom. “Ask and ye shall receive” (John 16:24). There, that was easy—you’re now on our mailing list! Old *Levitt Letters* are archived on www.levitt.com. Happy reading! —Editor

From V.H. (TX): I learn so much about Israel and the Middle East from the *Levitt Letter*. Please don’t ever stop.

From K.McB. (VA): Over the years, I have listened to many church and radio preachers, with a thirst to learn the truth of God’s word. I have read the Bible without a lot of understanding. After watching and listening to Zola and now Jeff, I think this will be a great way for me to learn and understand more about the Bible and Jewish history.

From C.T. (IA): I am tired of all the religious hype here in America. I just want to hear the truth and learn about the Jewish people and Land that God created for His purpose: the place where we will live during the Millennium Kingdom. God bless you all and thank you for all that you do!

From J.M. (RI): I pray for your ministry nightly. Is there some way to teach children stories of the Bible visually, not cartoons necessarily? You may be interested in the following letter from parents whose children are learning Bible stories from our dramatic series. Though made for adults, they obviously also appeal to children. —Editor

“Warrior King” & “Sar Shalom” Good Children’s TV

Dear ZLM,

I have never seen our two children (aged 10 and 13) more enthusiastic viewers of any TV or Internet program. It is a wonder to behold their rapt attention. I guess you must be doing something right. ;-)

We adults also find *Zola Levitt Presents* encouraging. Here, in the increasingly secular U.K., programs like yours are non-existent on the major TV media. May God bless you as you wait on His Word.

About 10 years ago I started to doubt what my church (I no longer attend it) was teaching concerning the Day of Atonement. Its meaning became clear to me from the Scriptures (esp. Romans). Then, Zola’s study booklet *The Seven Feasts of Israel* came and said the same thing. Could you make (or re-broadcast) a series on this topic? There is considerable evidence that the Feasts were long kept by congregations in the East and in parts of Celtic Britain for many centuries.

Dear Viewer—

Please see page 17 for information about our *Seven Feasts of Israel* television series and teaching CD. —Mark

Show Support For Israel

I just received my FIRST *Levitt Letter*. It is well organized and informative. I’ve never been out of the United States, but am planning to take a Zola Tour to Israel. I am an Anglican and love Israel and God’s Chosen People. I am ordering a Flag of Israel and a 2-Flag Collar Pin, both of which I will display daily. —F.P.W. (NC)

Thankful

I want ZLM to know how much I appreciate you. I would not have such a solid biblical understanding if not for your Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies and your *Levitt Letter*. Every time I read something from you, I’m inspired to search further and learn more. Bless you all. May you continue to open the eyes and hearts of Jews and Christians alike. —E.J.F.

B.C. (Prior to the Golden Rule)



By Mastroianni and Hart

Genesis 12:3

I feel strongly that America's support of Israel is the only reason God has not judged this nation. I first ran headfirst into Replacement Theology about 15 years ago in, of all places, a Christian school, by a Christian teacher. She was very negative about the Jews and blamed them for all the trouble in the Middle East. After speaking with her and others since then, I have discovered the Replacement folks are not as Bible literate as they should be. Malachi 3:6 and Hebrews 13:8 plainly state that God does not change, so the Church cannot have replaced the Jews. I pray daily for your ministry and the nation of Israel, as well as the peace of Jerusalem. —P.M.S. (NC)

Dear P.M.S.—

You'll find good ammo for your debates on p.11 of this issue and in our study booklet *Broken Branches: Has the Church Replaced Israel?* See p.18 —Mark

Studying: A Great Way To Heal

Dear Staff,

My wife and I have enjoyed your program and the *Levitt Letter* for many years. I want you to know that I completed the Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies. It took me some time to complete it though, as halfway through the course I got prostate cancer. The recovery was long and my wife encouraged me to restart the course. My concentration was next to nil (pain meds and just pain). So, taking her advice, I began to review and quit feeling sorry for myself.

We just want to say THANK YOU for your ministry and for all the prayers that go out from your partners. I am now cancer-free. Praise God; the Lord did it. —L. and L. DeM.

A Frequent Question

Can you explain how Yeshua died on Friday and rose on Sunday and was three days and three nights in the tomb? By my calculations, He died on Wednesday, just before sundown and rose on Sabbath just before sundown. Lord of the Sabbath is His name. And then the first day of the week would be the Feast of First Fruits. Just wanted to share this and maybe get you to thinking. —S.A.

Dear S.A.—

He died on Friday and rose on Sunday. But your question is so popular, our ministry created a pamphlet on the topic. You may have one free with the purchase of our study booklet *The Miracle of Passover*. Or, if you send us a self-addressed stamped envelope, we'll pop one in the mail to you. Hint: the key is how Jews count their days, beginning with sundown. Zola addressed this issue years ago:

www.levitt.com/letters/1998-04.html

—Mark



Real Bible Study

Hi, I just wanted to tell you how much I have enjoyed the series on King David. You make it so real when you have actors portraying what it must have really been like.

Do you have a Bible study course from Genesis to Revelation? It would help me actually “read the Bible through.” I tend to skip around and want to go from start to finish. I feel a Bible study course would help. —K.E. (AL)

Dear K.E.—

You’d probably be delighted with Zola’s two Testament surveys: *The Bible Jesus Read* and *Once Through the New Testament*. In addition, we offer *A Survey of the New Testament* on a single CD and, more comprehensive, *Zola Teaches the New Testament* on 6 CDs. Also please see page 36 for a description of ZOLA’S NOTEBOOK—*The Bible: The Whole Story*. —Mark

Contagious Love

I love your show and think Jeff is brilliant. His love of the Lord is contagious! I watch mostly Christian TV, and your program is unbeatable. I love it that you show the Jewish people how much we love them—and let them know we are united with them even if our leaders aren’t. Thanks for being so un-PC! —T.C. (GA)

The Silent American Church?

Dear Jeff,

I spent four months in Israel back in 1989. Every day that I am not there now is a day spent in prayer to return. In a recent correspondence you said: “the Church in America remains silent” when it comes to helping the Jews. Jeff, John Hagee has a “Night to Honor Israel” and Pat Robertson stands for Israel on the 700 Club. I love Zola Levitt Ministries, but this time you have accused us falsely. The Church isn’t silent or uncaring toward the Jews.

Love in Christ, —L.G. (MO)

Dear L.G.,

Bless you for your love for the Jewish people, for Israel, and for your kindly wanting to correct me. If everyone in the Church were like you, I’d be a whole lot happier. The problem, though, is that you, Pat Robertson, and John Hagee are minorities in the larger arena of U.S. Christianity. Along with them, I am seeking to expand the base of supporters. Please continue praying in that regard. —Jeff



Worldwide Trends in Honor Killings

By Phyllis Chesler, www.MEForum.org



In 2000, the United Nations estimated that there are 5,000 honor killings every year. That number might be reasonable for Pakistan alone, but worldwide the numbers are much greater. Definitive or reliable worldwide estimates of honor killing incidence do not exist.

An honor killing reflects the culture's values aimed at regulating female behavior—values that the family, including the victim's family, is expected to enforce and uphold. Further, such cultural, ethnic, or tribal values are not often condemned by the major religious and political leaders in developing Muslim countries or in immigrant communities in the West. Today, such leaders often shame or force Muslim girls and women into wearing a variety of body coverings including the *hijab* (head covering), or *burka* or *chadari* (full-body covering) as an expression of religiosity and cultural pride or as an expression of symbolic resistance to the non-Muslim West. Muslim men are allowed to dress like Westerners, and no one challenges the ubiquitous use of Western technology, including airplanes, cell phones, the Internet, or satellite television as un-Islamic.

It is clear that Muslim girls and women are murdered for honor in both the West and the East when they refuse to wear the *hijab* or choose to wear it improperly. In addition, they are killed for behaving in accepted Western or modern ways when they express a desire to attend college, have careers, or live independent lives. Frightening honor murders may constitute an object lesson to other Muslim girls and women about what may happen to them if they act on the temptation to do more than serve their fathers and brothers as domestic servants, marry their first cousin, and breed as many children as possible. The deaths of females already living in the West may also be intended as lessons for other female immigrants who are expected to lead subordinate and segregated lives amid the temptations and privileges of freedom. This is especially true in Europe where large Muslim ghettos have formed in the past few decades. It is particularly alarming to note that in Europe 96 percent of the honor killing perpetrators are Muslims.



The level of primal, sadistic, or barbaric savagery shown in honor killings towards a female family intimate more closely approximates some of the murders in the West perpetrated by serial killers against prostitutes or randomly selected women.

It also suggests that gender separatism, the devaluation of girls and women, normalized child abuse, including arranged child marriages of both boys and girls, sexual repression, misogyny (sometimes inspired by misogynist interpretations of the Koran), and the demands made by an increase in the violent ideology of jihad all lead to murderous levels of aggression towards girls and women. One only has to kill a few girls and women to keep the others in line. Honor killings are, in a sense, a form of domestic terrorism, meant to ensure that Muslim women wear the Islamic veil, have Muslim babies, and mingle only with other Muslims.

Read this article in full at levitt.com/news and learn how honor killings differ greatly from domestic violence. ★

Mistaken Thinking

By David Pryce-Jones,
www.NationalReview.com

President Obama is reported as saying that American policy towards Israel is “costing us significantly in blood and treasure.” **First mistake.** It’s the other way round; Israel is holding the front line against Iran whose power is spreading through the region via Syria, Hezbollah, and Hamas. If Israel were not holding the line, the United States would face an uncomfortable choice: either tackle Iran head-on or concede that Pax Americana didn’t work and it is time to withdraw from the Middle East with as little ignominy as possible.

Many conclude that Israeli-Palestinian peace holds the key to Middle East stability. **Second mistake.** If there were genuine peace tomorrow and a State of Palestine, it would make no difference to the Sunni-Shiite divide, to the ambitions of Osama bin Laden or Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, to the civil war in Yemen, to the sectarian conflict in Lebanon, to the hard-wired despots in Egypt and Syria, and so on and on.



Many also think that this projected State of Palestine is a practical proposition.

Third mistake.

The Palestinians are irremediably divided between Fatah and Hamas, and a State would trigger civil war to determine which faction would own it.

Amidst this bog of misconception, Obama is weighing using his presidency to impose some solution on Israel.

Fourth mistake. No such solution exists. Any attempt at imposition would oblige Israel to see its existence as an urgent issue of self-defense and survival. ★

Wisdom Of The Jewish Oracle

www.aish.com

*There is no escaping karma.
 In a previous life, you never called,
 you never wrote, you never visited.
 And whose fault was that?*

Arts and Boycotts Associated Press

British singer-songwriter **Elvis Costello** cancelled two summer concerts in Israel “because of its treatment of the Palestinians,” disappointing fans in a country enjoying an upswing in visits by renowned artists.

Explaining his decision on his website, Costello said sometimes “merely having your name added to a concert schedule may be interpreted as a political act.”

Costello’s cancellation drew an angry response from his Israeli fans. One disappointed ticket-holder, Shai Lahav, noted, “Sometimes, a musician ought to focus just on music. At least that is a field in which he has some knowledge.” Israeli Culture Minister Limor Livnat said a singer who boycotts Israeli fans “is not worthy of performing in front of them.”

Many artists choosing to perform in Israel generate protests from Palestinians and their supporters who say their shows amount to support of Israel’s policies in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. But few actually cancel. After years of concerns over political tensions and violence, more world artists are performing in Israel, including Madonna, Leonard Cohen, and Paul McCartney since 2008; Elton John in June.



Oprah Winfrey Boosts Israeli Company



Oprah Winfrey

By Gil Kalian
www.YNetNews.com

ISRAELI SCIENCE

Talk-show and lifestyle guru Oprah Winfrey made the share price of Israeli company **UltraShape**, which developed a device that dissolves fat, skyrocket recently.

An article published on the website of Oprah's magazine hailed the company's technology as one of the most promising innovations in the cosmetics world. The article, then published on UltraShape's website, caused its stock to soar 63%.

The write-up in Oprah's magazine said that in the past, Botox and laser were considered science fiction, but nowadays there are a number of innovations in the market that might create another revolution in the cosmetics world. About UltraShape, the article noted, "It sounds too good to be true, but it may soon be a reality: Many dermatologists and plastic surgeons are confident that in the coming years they'll be able to eliminate unwanted fat painlessly, without the invasiveness and risks of liposuction."

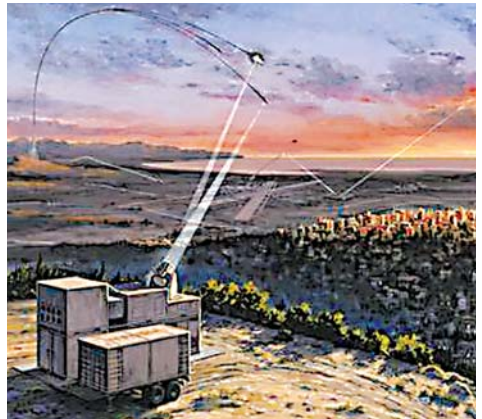
The article explained that UltraShape's technology can safely remove fat cells, which are destroyed by ultrasound and eliminated from the body as waste. The article notes that UltraShape is the preferred solution for those suffering from extreme obesity and is most efficient in areas where there is fat concentration. UltraShape is awaiting approval from the FDA before its machine can be marketed in the United States.



U.S. Funds Israeli Missile Defense System

By Ron Kampeas www.JTA.org

The Obama administration authorized \$205 million to allow Israel to complete its Iron Dome short-range missile defense system.



"The president has repeatedly said our commitment to Israel's security is unshakable and our defense relationship is stronger than ever," a statement from the White House said. "The United States and our ally Israel share many of the same security challenges, from combating terrorism to confronting the threat posed by Iran's nuclear-weapons program. The President recognizes the threat missiles and rockets fired by Hamas and Hezbollah pose to Israelis, and has therefore decided to seek funding from Congress to support the production of Israel's short-range rocket defense system called Iron Dome."

A senior administration official set the figure at \$205 million and said it was over and above the \$3 billion that the United States annually allocates to Israel in defense assistance. "It addresses an immediately existing threat to each Israeli citizen," the official said, referring to threat of renewed conflicts on the Lebanese and Gaza Strip borders.



Russia Supplying Syria with Advanced Weapons

Associated Press

The head of Russia's arms-trading agency says the nation has signed contracts to deliver fighter jets, air defense systems, and armored vehicles to Syria. Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation chief Mikhail Dmitriyev said Russia will sell MiG-29 fighter jets, Pantsyr short-range air defense systems, and armored vehicles. He didn't give any numbers or provide any further details.

The statement, carried by Russian news agencies, confirmed earlier media reports that worried Israel. Previous Russian sales of advanced anti-tank missiles and other weapons to Syria have irked Israel, which said that some landed in the hands of the militant group Hezbollah.

Russian Nuclear Plant In Syria?

By Guy Faulconbridge, Reuters

Russia may help build a nuclear power plant in Syria, according to Russia's energy minister, a step that could upset the West due to unresolved allegations Damascus tried to construct a potential nuclear weapons facility in secret.

On the first state visit to Syria by a Kremlin chief since the Bolshevik

Revolution, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev played up prospects for nuclear power. "Cooperation on atomic energy could get a second wind," Medvedev said at a news conference with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad after their talks.

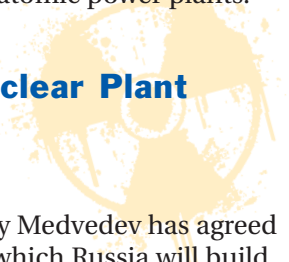


Asked whether Russia would build an atomic power plant in Syria, Russian Energy Minister Sergei Shmatko told Reuters: "We are studying this question."

Russia is aggressively seeking contracts abroad to build atomic power plants.

Russian Nuclear Plant in Turkey

news.bbc.co.uk



President Dmitry Medvedev has agreed to a deal under which Russia will build Turkey's first nuclear power plant—which will contain four nuclear reactors.

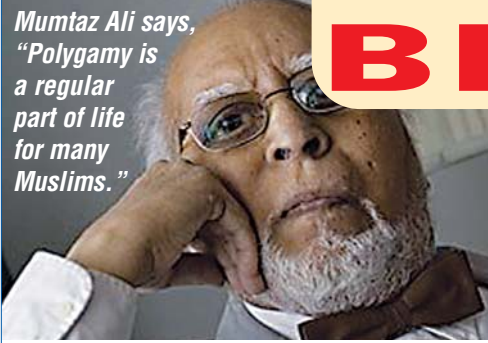
Russia will have a controlling stake in the plant, which is likely to cost \$20 billion and is to be built on Turkey's Mediterranean coast. It was one of several agreements struck by Medvedev during a visit to Ankara, the Turkish capital.

Both countries said they wished to improve trade links, lift visa conditions, and boost energy projects. "We share a determination to increase the trade volume from a current \$38 billion to \$100 billion in five years," Turkish President Abdullah Gul said after hosting talks with Medvedev. ★

BIZARRO By Dan Piraro



Mumtaz Ali says,
“Polygamy is
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Muslims.”



Muslims Claim Cash For Numerous Wives

By Tom Godfrey, *The Toronto Sun*

Hundreds of Greater-Toronto-Area Muslim men in polygamous marriages—some with a harem of wives—are receiving welfare and social benefits for each of their spouses, thanks to the city and province, Muslim leaders say.

Mumtaz Ali, president of the Canadian Society of Muslims, said wives in polygamous marriages are recognized as spouses under the Ontario Family Law Act, providing they were legally married under Muslim laws abroad.

“Polygamy is a regular part of life for many Muslims,” Ali said. “Ontario recognizes religious marriages for Muslims and others.”

Women With Suntans Will Be Arrested

Associated Press

Women with suntans are violating Islamic law and will be arrested in Tehran, Iran, the capital city’s police chief was reported as saying. “The public expects us to act firmly and swiftly if we see any social misbehavior by women, and men, who defy our Islamic values,” Brigadier Hossien Sajedinia said.

“In some areas of north Tehran we can see many suntanned women and young girls who look like walking mannequins,” he continued. “We are not going to tolerate this situation

and will first warn those found in this manner and then arrest and imprison them.”

The warning follows recent comments made by a hard-line Iranian cleric, who claimed women dressed in revealing clothing were disturbing young men and causing earthquakes.

Salvadoran “Righteous Among the Nations”

Associated Press

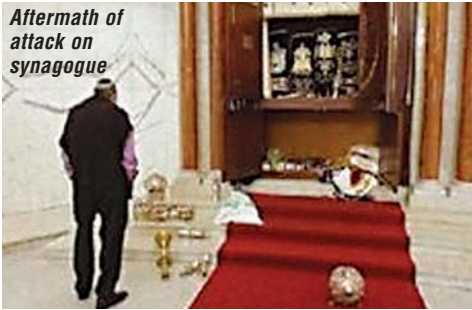
Israel’s ambassador to El Salvador says a Salvadoran diplomat will be named as one of the “Righteous Among the Nations” for helping save Jews during World War II. Ambassador Mattanya Cohen says the distinction will be awarded posthumously to **Jose Arturo Castellanos**, who gave citizenship certificates to as many as 40,000 Jews during the Holocaust.



The “Righteous Among the Nations” recognizes non-Jews who helped Jews escape death in Nazi-controlled Europe. Castellanos is the first Salvadoran to be so recognized. He served as El Salvador’s consul general in Geneva, Switzerland, in the early 1940s. He died at age 86 in his homeland in 1977.

European Anti-Semitism Worst Since WWII

By Tzvi Ben Gedalyahu and Yoni Kempinski
www.IsraelNationalNews.com



Anti-Semitism in Western Europe last year was the worst since World War II, according to the Jewish Agency's arm for fighting attacks and incitement against Jews.

Diaspora Affairs Minister Yuli Edelstein directly linked worsening anti-Semitism with the United Nations "Goldstone Report" on alleged war crimes in last year's Operation Cast Lead counter-terrorist campaign aimed at putting a halt to eight years of lethal rocket attacks on Israeli civilians.

Israel is preparing a response to the Goldstone report, and Edelstein commented recently, "It is certainly already clear that, for many of the 'incidents' and 'crimes' described in the report, no proof was found." He said he will tell UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon that the report fueled attacks, many of them violent, against Jews around the world.

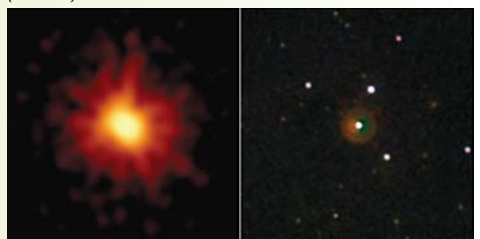
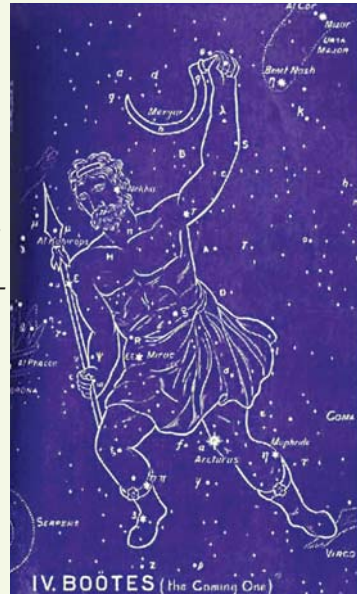
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the Cabinet, "This anti-Semitism comes with a new twist, which is the bid to deprive the Jewish State of the right to self-defense." Jewish Agency chairman Natan Sharansky said he will increase from 19 to more than 100 the number of emissaries to fight anti-Semitism, primarily on university campuses. The Agency's report linked radical left elements and Muslims who spur incitement against Jews.

The number of attacks against Jews and synagogues in many places in Western Europe in the first six months of 2009 was more than the number for the entire previous year, according to the report. The anti-Semitic attacks "were mostly perpetrated by Muslims from large local Muslim communities, including Palestinians, mainly in France, Britain, Belgium, Scandinavia, and Germany," the report stated.

"The demonization and de-legitimization of Israel intensifies the hostile mood against Israel and its supporters, encouraging the extreme stands of local Muslims," the Coordination Forum for Countering Anti-Semitism added in summing up the report's findings. ★

The constellation known as Bo-otes, or "the Coming One," shows a man with a sickle coming to reap a harvest, and, according to some, is a heavenly sign predicting the return of Jesus to Earth.

On March 19, 2008, a powerful gamma ray burst detected by NASA's Swift satellite in the Bo-otes constellation shattered the record for the most distant object that could be seen with the naked eye. (Below)



Bombs Target Buses of Christian Students in Iraq

By Saad Abdul-Kadir, Associated Press

Two bombs recently exploded minutes apart near buses carrying Christian students in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, killing a bystander shop owner and injuring around 100 others. Sunni Muslim insurgents have frequently targeted members of Iraq's Christian minority, especially in Mosul, which is home to a large Christian community. Extremist Sunnis consider Christians to be nonbelievers and supporters of the Shiite-led government they oppose.

The attack began with a roadside bomb that exploded around 7:30 a.m. and appeared to target buses carrying students to Mosul

University. Moments later, a car bomb exploded nearby.

The U.S.-based National Council of Churches sent a letter after the incident to U.S. Secretary of State **Hillary Rodham Clinton** calling on her to urge Iraqi officials to do more to protect Iraq's Christian community. The organization said they were particularly worried now as Iraq struggles to seat a government after the recent March parliamentary elections.

"Our concern is now particularly acute because it is possible that tensions will increase as various political forces continue to vie for power following the recent elections," the letter said. "We fear that a growing climate of mistrust and animosity will further threaten the fragile Christian community." ★

See related story on p.34



Zola Levitt Presents TV Airing Schedule

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Our entire TV Airing Schedule is posted at www.levitt.com.



God Will Provide

A young woman brings home her fiancé to meet her parents. After dinner, her mother tells her father to find out about the young man. The father invites the fiancé to his study for a drink.

“So what are your plans?” the father asks the young man.

“I am a Torah scholar,” he replies.

“A Torah scholar? Hmm,” the father says. “Admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in, as she’s accustomed to?”

“I will study,” the young man replies, “and God will provide for us.”

“And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?”

“I will concentrate on my studies,” the young man replies, “God will provide for us.”

“How will you support children?”

“Don’t worry, sir, God will provide,” replies the fiancé. The conversation proceeds like this, and each time the father questions him, the young idealist insists that God will provide.

Later, the mother asks, “How did it go, honey?”

The father answers, “The bad news is, he has no job and no prospects, but the good news is he thinks I’m God.” ★



Perceptions of Jews
By **Renowned Gentiles**

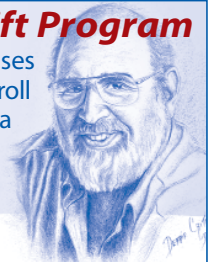


“The Jewish vision became the prototype for many similar grand designs for humanity, both divine and manmade. The Jews, therefore, stand at the center of the perennial attempt to give human life the dignity of a purpose.”

—PAUL JOHNSON (1928–)
ENGLISH HISTORIAN

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Obliterating Iraq's Christians

By Nina Shea

www.Newsweek.WashingtonPost.com

What is most startling about the report of the heartless double bus bombings on May 2 that targeted and injured 80 Christian students traveling to northern Iraq's Mosul University was that the young Christians there attend university at all. Since the U.S. invasion, Iraq's Christians have been mostly driven out of the country by violence directed against them for their religion. Their communities are shattered. That these young people continued to dream of preparing themselves to serve their country signals that community's deep commitment to Iraq and a modicum of hope they still harbor for its future.

Relentless waves of bombings, assassinations, kidnappings, extortions, and rapes have triggered a mass exodus of Christians from Iraq over the past seven years. Since 2003, over half of the estimated 1.5 million Iraqi Chaldean Catholics, Assyrian, Syriac Orthodox, and Armenian Christians, as well as some Protestants have fled to Syria, Jordan, and farther flung places. While only 3 or 4 percent of Iraq's pre-2003 population, they account for 40 percent of its refugees, the UN reported.

The sustained violence against the Christians started with a coordinated bombing of churches in August 2004. The Christians remember that similar bombings of synagogues in 1948 prompted Iraq's Jewish community to flee, leaving a total of seven

Jews in Baghdad today. During the 2007 surge, the capital's integrated Dora neighborhood was religiously cleansed when the Christians there were ordered to convert or be killed in a fatwa from Sunni militants. The 2,000 Christian families who left have not returned.

In 2008, the Catholic Chaldean Archbishop was abducted while he prayed the Lenten Stations of the Cross at his church and later was found dead. Other priests have been beheaded or otherwise assassinated. The list of victims includes lay people.

ChaldoAssyrian workers have been murdered for "collaborating" with the United States. And Christian women have been hit hard; it was at Mosul University that some young Christian women were raped and killed for offending some Muslims by wearing jeans and having a picnic with male colleagues.

Such threats and violence against Iraq's smallest minorities is conducted with impunity. Iraq's government has made no serious attempt to ensure either justice or adequate security for them.

There are compelling moral and national security reasons for the U.S. to help these minorities. Not only do they tend to be educated and skilled modernizers who can help Iraq, but their very presence in Iraq will promote peaceful coexistence more generally, which will help us all. As a Chaldean Bishop remarked: "This is very sad and very dangerous for the Church, for Iraq, and even for Muslim people, because it means the end of an old experience of living together." ★

BIZARRO

By Dan Piraro



Hadassah Generosity

By Barbara Sofer, www.Hadassah.org

Israelis are among the first to cross the world to help others as an expression of their values, the need to help the oppressed, and not to stand idle while others are in trouble. Let's look behind the scenes at Hadassah staff who participate in this proud Israeli mission. This month, a story from the mission following Haiti's earthquake.

Reuven Gelfond was the first to get his tent up. Every doctor speaks with awe of the Hadassah nurse. Born in the former Soviet Union, Gelfond, 38, serves as the chief operating room nurse in the Day Hospital at Hadassah Mount Scopus. He's a graduate of the Henrietta-Szold Hadassah School of Medicine. In military reserve duty he's part of the team that runs the movable military medical unit.

Gelfond's 20 ft. x 20 ft. operating room tent was up six hours after he started working on it. "We had such a wave of patients that it was immediately clear to me that we had to change our plans and set up a second operating room," said Gelfond, who was in charge of logistics. "Operating quickly is a matter of life and death. We were doing so much surgery, more than 320 operations in 2 weeks, that sterilization was

a real challenge. We created a system of gathering all the equipment, cleaning it, and sterilizing it. Not a single patient was operated on without sterilized equipment."

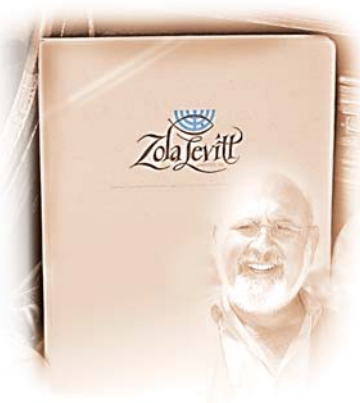
"Because so many of the patients had injuries to their lower limbs, we started to run out of the medical screws that are essential for external fixations. We had only 26 left. Each patient needs six and we had fifteen patients waiting outside the tent. I had medical nails, but they're not adequate replacements for screws. I decided to look for equipment to turn nails into screws. I'd never been to Haiti before, but sure enough, I found a metalworking factory in ruins. I came across what might have been a store room and began opening boxes. I found exactly the right tool in the right size—a cylindrical steel metal-cutter exactly to the millimeter. **God must have helped me. There is no other explanation.**"

The first patient to benefit from those self-made screws was a nine-year-old girl with a crushed hip. "The screws held. It was a wonderful feeling. We made 30 screws, which were enough until a new supply arrived from Israel." ✨

Another story next month.

Hadassah medical team performs surgery in Haiti.





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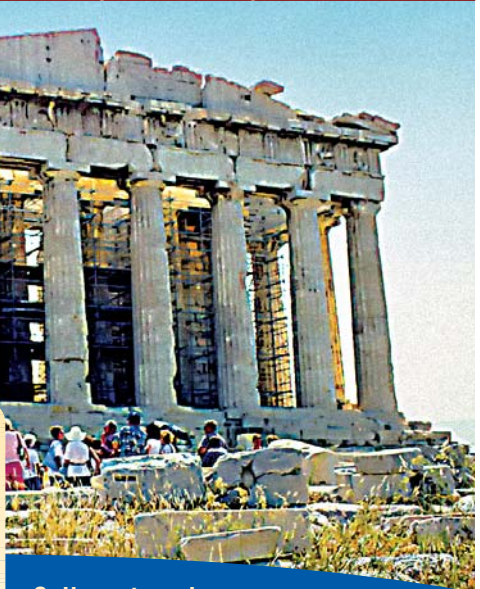
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